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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed to summarize the telephone interview of November 15, 2005. The Examiner's Interview Summary Form was mailed November 23, 2005.

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

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Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 6,485,491 to Farris et al.

Proposed Amendments

Applicant proposed amendments to put the case in condition for allowance, as indicated by the Examiner's Amendment.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant submitted in the interview that the proposed amendments placed the application in condition for allowance.

Results of Interview

Applicant authorized and the Examiner agreed to enter the proposed amendments by Examiner's Amendment.

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